(b) and (c) Prasar Bharati has intimated that they had entered into a long term agreement with the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) for telecasting major national and international hockey tournaments under which IHF would *inter-alia* assist Doordarshan in acquiring satellite and terrestrial telecast right for the territory of India, whenever the Indian hockey team is participating in any international hockey event, be it within or outside India. No offer was received from the IHF for the Junior World Cup Hockey matches.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

AIDS project in H.P.

†*105. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had sanctioned Rs. 395.58 lakh for implementation of AIDS-II project in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Himachal Pradesh has implemented the said project but Government have not released the outstanding amount of Rs. 291.58 lakhs to them for which the State Government had also written a letter on December 10, 1999; and

(c) if so, whether Government have since released the outstanding amount to the State?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir. An annual action plan for an amount of Rs. 395.58 lakhs was approved by the National AIDS Control Board for the Himachal Pradesh State AIDS Control Society for implementation of the Project during 1999-2000. Based on availability of budgetary provisions, a sum of Rs. 318.00 lakhs was released to the Society during 1999-2000.

(b) and (c) A sum of Rs. 262.50 lakhs was released to Himachal Pradesh against the approved action plan of Rs. 212.00 lakhs during the year 2000-01.

In 2001-02 the approved action plan for Himachal Pradesh is Rs. 266.89 lakhs against which Rs. 150.00 lakhs have been released, so far. Apart from this, another release of Rs. 113.50 lakhs has been approved for Himachal Pradesh. These funds will be released shortly.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.